struments, which are of Western origin. New instruments have to be imported to replace the old ones.

(c) There is a plan to introduce Jal-tarang, Dilruba, Tabla and Sitar on an experimental basis. It is difficult to give any time frame for the Indian sation.

(d) No, Sir.

(c) The Indian classical musical instruments arc different front instruments traditionally used by military bands in size and shape and therefore cannot be used in Parades and Ceremonials of the Services.

Building of ballistic missile by Pakistan with Chinese help

2. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Jane's, a leading London based international group that monitors defence matters, has reported that Pakistan is building *a* new ballistic missile at a secret factory with Chinese support;

(b) if so, whether Government have seen the report;

(c) if so, the reactions of Government thereto; and

(d) whether much of the technology of this ballistic missile is said to be based on Chinese M-ll medium range missile?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (d) Government is aware of the article carried by the foreign Report dated 2nd May, 1996 published, by Jane's Information Group. As mentioned in the article, it is based on unconfirmed report.

A constant watch is maintained on all developments in the region having bearing on India's national security and all necessary measures arc taken to maintain appropriate defence preparedness for ensuring security of the nation.

Deploymnet of M-ll Missiles by Pakistan

3. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AF FAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Pakistan has deployed Chinese M-ll nuclear missiles;

(b) whether Government have lodged any protest with pakistan in this regard; if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) the measures Government have taken to counter this threat?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) Government have seen press reports regarding the deployment of nuclear capable M-ll missiles by Pakistan. Government have been aware of the acquisition of these missiles and consider it a matter of great concern.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Government of India is committed to taking all necessary steps to safeguard its security and national interest in accordance with its own threat perceptions.

• विदेशी जेलों में भारतीय नागरिक

4. **श्री अजीत जोगी:** क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या विदेशी जेलों में कुछ भारतीय सैनिक और नागरिक कष्ट भोग रहे हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में देशवार ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) सरकार उन्हें जल्द मुक्त कराने के लिए क्या प्रयास कर रही है; और

(घ) सरकार के प्रयासों के फलस्वरूप गत दो वर्षों के दौरान मुक्त कराए गए ऐसे व्यक्तियों की देशवार संख्या कितनी-कितनी है?

विदेश मंत्री श्री इन्द्र कुमार गुजराल: (क) और (ख) सरकार के पास उपलब्ध सूचना विवरण में दी गयी है। (नीचे देखिए) शेष देशों के बारे में सूचना प्रतीक्षित है और सदन की मेज पर रख दी जाएगी।

(ग) किसी भारतीय राष्ट्रिक की गिरफ्तारी की सूचना मिलने के तुरंत बाद मिशन/केन्द्र संबंधित प्राधिकारियों से अनुरोध करता है कि वे गिरफ्तार भारतीय राष्ट्रिक से कौंसली दृष्टि से मिलने की इजाजत दें। कौंसली अधिकारी नजरबंद व्यक्ति से मिलकर उसकी गिरफ्तारी के आधारों और परिस्थितियों का पता लगाने का प्रयास करता है। जहां कहीं आवश्यक होता है मुकदमें को